

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 2, 2006
Minutes**

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, John Thacher Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Directory of Finance, Jeffrey Smith, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded Ms Lin to approve the minutes of the 1/12/06 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

Mrs. Kelly arrived at 7:55 p.m.

IV. Communications – Ms Cheryl Lambert and Mrs. Lynne McPhee, Co-Presidents Vinton PTA discussed their support of the school and the success of the March 2005 Nutrition Program. Ms Beth Gankofskie, Director of Food Services discussed a State of Connecticut Grant Vinton received to promote fresh fruit and vegetables in school lunch.

MMSA February newsletter was shared with the Board.

V. Additions to Present Agenda - None.

VI. Committee Reports – Mr. Simpson reported that the Building Committee met with a possible consultant to assist with facilities study.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **One School, One Read-** Linda Robinson and Jeff Cryan reported on the success on the entire middle school's reading of *The Breadwinner*.
- B. **2010 Clean Energy Campaign** - Dr. Schimmel and Mr. Cryan discussed the district's effort to support the Town Council's campaign.
- C. **Professional Development Report** - Dr. Schimmel and Mr. Baruzzi discussed the district's professional development activities for certified staff.
- D. **Personnel - MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Mr. Thacher to approve the request by Elyse Poller, Social Studies teacher, Mansfield Middle School for an unpaid leave of absence for the 2006-2007 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous

VIII. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IX. Suggestions for Future Agenda – Dr. Bent requested a discussion of vending machines at the middle school; Ms Lin requested information on the process for determining the school calendar. Dr. Patwa requested a discussion of the district's homework policy.

X. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Dr. Patwa to adjourn at 9:50p.m. **VOTE:**Unanimous.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk